

## **Emergency Permits for Divisible Loads**

This document provides a summary of the process utilized by New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) to issue oversize and overweight permits for divisible loads, or overweight only permits for divisible loads

MAP-21 legislation signed into law by the President of the United States of America in July 2012 included language in Section 1511 regarding permitting of divisible loads for moving relief supplies following a Presidential declared emergency or major disaster under the Stafford Act.

### **Permit Requirements**

NHDOT may issue emergency overweight permits for divisible loads under the following conditions:

- 1) The President of the United States of America has declared an emergency or a major disaster under the Stafford Act;
- 2) The emergency permits for divisible loads are issued in accordance with applicable New Hampshire State law;
- 3) The emergency permits for divisible loads are issued exclusively to vehicles and loads that are delivering relief supplies; and
- 4) The emergency permit for divisible load is issued in accordance with NHDOT's standard overweight permit review procedures applicable to non-divisible loads.

Relief supplies may include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Medicine and medical equipment;
- 2) Food supplies (including feed for livestock);
- 3) Water;
- 4) Materials used to provide or construct temporary housing;
- 5) Other supplies directly supporting the type of relief needed following a disaster;
- 6) Other materials as authorized by the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration or the President of the United States of America related to specific emergency events.

The term delivering means transporting relief supplies to any destination that is part of the geographical area covered by the emergency or major disaster declaration. NHDOT may issue emergency permits for divisible load vehicles destined for a disaster in another state. Any NHDOT permit issued for a divisible load will be valid for travel only in New Hampshire. No NETC divisible load permits will be issued for multi-state travel in this procedure.

### **Ineligible Activities**

Transporting material from a geographical area covered by the emergency or major disaster declaration is not an eligible activity under this provision (i.e., debris removal). This does not apply to State declared emergencies or disasters declared by a State's Governor.

### **Permit Process**

In the event that the permit requirements described above are met, NHDOT may issue emergency permits of overweight divisible loads. Applicants shall apply for permits by using our "OverHaul" online permitting system that can be accessed at:

<http://www.nh.gov/dot/org/operations/highwaymaintenance/overhaul/index.htm>.

Additional information may be reviewed in the "Links" tab of the OverHaul login page.

Review and approval of applications for emergency oversize permits for divisible loads will be performed in accordance with all standard NHDOT permitting processes.

Standard permit conditions and permit fees that would be included for comparable non-divisible loads will be applicable. In addition, applicants shall enter EMERGENCY DIVISIBLE LOAD PERMIT, divisible load description, and name and telephone number of the entity to receive the load in the "Carrier Comments" field in the OverHaul permit application. NHDOT will contact the destination entity to confirm the emergency and load requirement. Based on confirmation of the divisible load requirement, the permit may then be approved provided all other permitting requirements have been completed.

If you have any questions pertaining to emergency overweight permits for divisible load please contact the NHDOT Oversize/Overweight permit section by calling 603-271-2691 during normal business hours of 800 AM to 345 PM weekdays excluding holidays or by email at [overhaul@dot.state.nh.us](mailto:overhaul@dot.state.nh.us). The NHDOT Transportation Management Center may be contacted at 603-271-6862 after normal business hours.